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Tewksbury - Wilmington

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Fran Johnson severely burned in early morning fire



Francine Johnson

A 16-year-old North Wilmington girl is in critical, but stable condition as the result of a Saturday morning fire in which she is credited with saving the lives of her brother and his friend.

Francine Johnson of 45 High St. is in the intensive care section of the Bartlett Burns Center of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, with second and third degree burns on nearly 80 per cent of her body.

She awoke shortly after 5 a.m. Saturday to find her second-floor bedroom engulfed in flames. Fleeing her room, she stopped long enough to kick open the door to her brother Marc's bedroom, screaming to wake Marc and a friend, Steven Keith. She then fled to the first floor, screaming, waking her parents Harry and Nicki Johnson and her older brother Frank.

While Mr. Johnson wrapped Fran in towels, Mrs. Johnson phoned for help, reaching the police department.

Sgt. Jay Palmer was in North Wilmington Center, a half mile from the scene when the call came in. He was the first to arrive at the fire. He said that he saw Francine sitting on the steps of the house next door, and that he thought she was a spectator until he noticed that her hair was singed. Then he observed that she was in



a state of shock.

By then, another police cruiser had arrived, and Palmer instructed Officers Joe Waterhouse and Larry Redding to rush the girl to the hospital. Doctors later told Mr. Johnson that his prompt action is primarily responsible for making the girl's survival possible.

Taken to Winchester Hospital, she

was quickly transferred to Peter Bent Brigham in Boston. It is expected that she will remain there for several months.

The two boys sleeping on the second floor barely escaped. As they ran down the stairs, flames erupted from Francine's room, into the upstairs hall.

When firemen arrived, the entire second floor was burning. Working with two engines and the ladder truck, fire fighters prevented the fire from spreading to the first floor.

The second floor, consisting of two bedrooms, a small storage room and a hall, was entirely gutted. The first floor sustained smoke and water damage, but firemen were able to protect much of the furniture with drop cloths.

Fire officials said that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Johnson family has been staying with friends since the fire, hoping to secure a trailer to live in while their home is repaired.

A fund has been set up at the Melrose Savings Bank to aid the family. Donations may be sent to the Johnson fund, care of the Melrose Savings Bank, 219 Lowell Street, Wilmington.

Bellissimo calls it quits



Wilmington High School head football coach Fred Bellissimo submitted his resignation as coach to the Wilmington School Committee last week. He is shown above in a 1972 conference with halfback Bob Bavota and assistant coach John Ritchie. For more on the story, see page 6.

Enthusiasm runs high for Student Government Day

Approximately 60 Wilmington High School students met at the North Intermediate School Monday night to enjoy a banquet in their honor and to share with parents and friends their experiences as members of the Student Government Day Association.

On March 29, following swearing-in ceremonies at the town hall, the temporary town officials left on various field trips designed to heighten their understanding of each one's particular aspect of town government.

A full report of the day's activities was given by the chairmen of the various boards at the Monday evening banquet.

First to speak was Student Town Moderator Tom Bachman, who offered grace. "Thank you, Lord," he

said, "for helping us get through the winter of '78."

Second on the agenda was Student State Representative Tom Gagnon who recounted impressions of a state house tour he made with members of the board of selectmen and the town moderator. The tour, which was led by State Rep. Jim Miceli, included sitting in on an informal session of the House of Representatives and an introduction to Governor Dukakis.

Gagnon said that, for him, the most memorable part of the trip was the House of Representatives.

State Representative Miceli told us that most of the work was done outside in the halls and corridors, he said cryptically. "I could see why. There certainly wasn't anything being done inside the chambers."

He said of Representative Miceli, "I feel he is one of the better representatives we have in the state and I am proud that he can represent us."

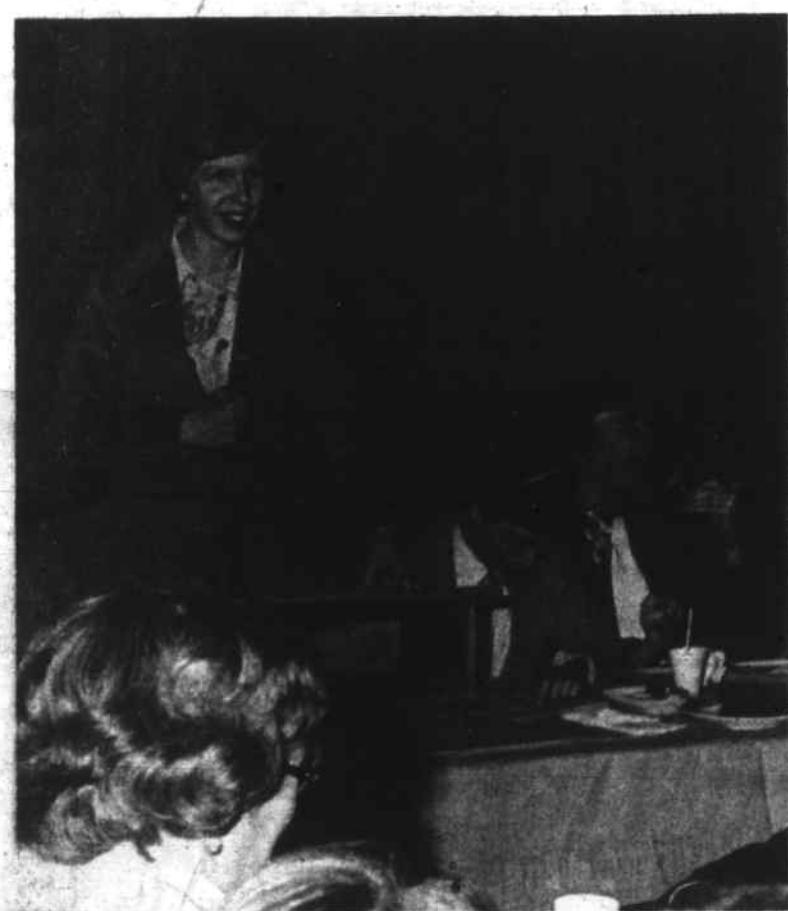
Gagnon concluded with an expression of thanks to the League of Women Voters for initiating Student Government Day, which, he said, gave students a better understanding of government and gave legislators a chance to know what future voters are thinking."

Don Lombardi, chairman of the board of selectmen said that the student selectmen have been sitting in on meetings of their senior counterparts for several weeks. Lombardi said they planned to continue to do this and to continue to aid the Wilmington Housing Authority's drive to obtain signatures for two petitions currently being circulated in town.

One of these petitions asked the state to regroup Wilmington with towns of its own size when considering it for allocation of funds. The other petitions the state for funding for 110 units of housing for the elderly.

Karen Mader, chairman of the Board of Appeals, reported on a trip to Quincy Market, and the Mercantile Apartments to study the process of revitalization. She, too, thanked the League of Women Voters for what she termed "a unique educational opportunity."

"I hope we can use the information we obtained to better our school system," said Brenda Carta, student school committee chairman.



Chris Romanski cracked one of the better lines of the evening at the student government banquet Monday night at the North Intermediate School.

Long chase leads to court

A 14-year-old Tewksbury youth who led police on a cross-country chase Tuesday morning was in Woburn District Court on Tuesday afternoon, charged with malicious damage to personal property and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Wilmington police received a complaint about 11 a.m. Tuesday from a truck driver who said that his window had been shot out near the Fred Cain garage. He thought that a gun had been used.

Police responded to the area, and soon five officers were chasing a youth through swamps and along the railroad tracks. He was finally caught on Nichols Street, more than a mile from the origin of the chase.

The youth was found to have a slingshot in his possession, police said.

The cross-country squad of the police department included Sgt. Jay Palmer, Officers Chris Neville, and James Cuoco and Inspectors Joe Cuoco and John Harvey.

The school committee, along with Student High School Principal Mark Mueller, Student Vice Principal Chris Romanski and Superintendent of Schools Al Tutela, attended an early morning meeting at the Roman House and made a field trip to Shawsheen Tech and to the Woburn High School field house. As for routine duties,

Romanski reported they had suspended one student for smoking in the girls room.

Student Chief of Police Tom Stewart and his subordinates may have had the most unusual field trip of all. After a day spent at the police station and the Woburn district court, they were fingerprinted, handcuffed and returned to the high school in the police cruiser.

Other student officials who spoke included Jim Miceli Jr., student chairman of the planning board whose group toured the Quincy Market and the Mercantile Apartments with the board of appeals; Pam Strand, chairman of the recreation commission whose group evaluated comparative recreation facilities in Burlington and Acton; and Margie Keefe, chairman of the historical commission whose committee visited Old Ironsides and Bunker Hill.

Chairman of the Conservation Commission Eric Wood, said that his group attended the most recent meeting of the Conservation Commission, held after Student Government Day, because of their new interest in the problems of conservation. Their tour took them to Brown's Crossing for a study of Wilmington's wells and later to Earthwatch, a Belmont wildlife sanctuary.

Al Tutela perhaps summed up the feelings of all the student officials when he said "Next year I hope to be in student government again."

Student government day is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the School Department. It is currently in its 12th year.

Former Selectman Michael Caira and former School Committee Member Harry Landers are two men whose interest in local government stemmed from high school involvement with the Student Government Association.

The 1978 program was coordinated by Co-chairwomen Ruth Ottati and Barbara Welton of the LWV, along with Jack Lynch, assistant principal of the high school.

Loch Ness

The monster made it famous. On Thursday, April 13, William G. Sylvester will present a program on Scotland at the Barrows Auditorium at Wilmington High School.

Workshops on Activities at home

The Blizzard of 78 gave a new sense of urgency to an old question....."What do we do with our children when we can't send them off to school?"

The Woburn Street School has an answer.

Thursday, April 6, from 7 to 9:30 p.m., they will present a Parent Workshop. Entitled "Activities to do with Children at Home," it is designed to help parents glide easily through those bleak winter months when almost nobody plays outdoors...for very long.

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to attend U.N.H.

Miss Laurie J. Hastings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hastings of Chestnut Street, Wilmington has been accepted at the University of New Hampshire, in the Class of 1982.

Miss Hastings has been active in the WHS marching and concert bands and jazz-rock ensemble and was a member of the WHS girls softball team that won the MVC co-championship last spring.

She is a part-time employee at the Wilmington Youth Ice Arena and is employed by Bandwagon, Inc., Wilmington during the summer.

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Tuesday: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Chilled Peaches and Milk - or - Tomato Soup, Hamburger in a Buttered Roll, Condiments, Chopped Onions, French Fries, Chilled Peas, Applesauce Raisin Cake and Milk.

Wednesday: Crisp Fish Portions, Tartar Sauce, Catsup, Whipped Potato, Buttered Carrots, Fresh Baked Buttered Roll, Chilled Pears and Milk - or - Vegetable Beef Soup, Tunafish Salad Sandwich, French Fries, Chilled Pears and Milk.

Leslie Coville
with TWA

Leslie A. Coville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Coville of 4 Powderhouse Circle, Wilmington has recently completed training at TWA Beech Training Academy in Overland Park, Kansas, and has been awarded the wings of a TWA flight attendant. She assumed her new responsibility in March and will be based in St. Louis.

Historical meeting
B & M Railroad

Alan G. Dustin, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Boston & Maine Railroad Corporation will be the featured speaker at the April meeting of the Boston & Maine Railroad Historical Society, Thursday, April 13 at 8 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Church in Woburn Square.

The Society, formed in 1971 has a membership of more than 1050 railroad enthusiasts, second largest railroad historical group in the country, who share a common interest in the railroad and its history. Its quarterly magazine, "The B & M Bulletin," already is recognized as one of the finest publications of its type.

Dustin, who will be introduced by Leroy C. Hutchinson of Reading, Society President, will speak on contemporary operating procedures of the B&M.

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6 WEEK

Gaffney says education formula fraudulent

Tewksbury State Representative Jay Gaffney will oppose the report of the Commission on Unequal Educational Opportunity. Gaffney said that the proposed new school aid formula is the Dukakis Administration's declaration of economic war against suburban taxpayers. Among the towns which would be hardest hit by the formula change are Tewksbury, Billerica, Chelmsford and Wilmington.

Applying the new formula to last year's funding levels, Tewksbury's aid would plummet from \$2,972,147.90 to \$16,275.00; Billerica drops from \$4,846,424.00 to \$2,341,370.00; Chelmsford is slashed from \$3,755,139.00 to \$1,402,521.00. Wilmington receives the cruelest treatment of all, being entitled to no funds under the new formula.

This pattern is repeated among suburban communities across the state. In fact, 270 of the state's 351 municipalities are losers under the new formula.

The losers category, ironically includes all those towns with large school populations and expenses. The formula effects this shift by changing the aid formula's

basis from the number of students in a school to the total population of the municipality. This change, according to Gaffney, makes the formula educational in name only. Statements which suggest that the new formula equalized educational opportunity were dismissed by Gaffney as propaganda.

The biggest winner in the Commission's school aid sweepstakes is the City of Boston which rakes in a whopping thirty-three million dollar increase, despite the fact that the city's school population has been declining for several years.

Representative Gaffney said that it would have been more candid for the administration and the commission to entitle their handiwork as the "Mayor Kevin White Reelection Fund."

The suburban taxpayers, Gaffney said, who will be funding this windfall should be appalled to see funds that are desperately needed to help towns and cities defray the cost of state mandated education programs instead go to underwrite Mayoral limousines, no bid contracts, and to pay the salaries of the

Sarah Kennedys, Claire Casos and others in Boston's army of no-show employees.

The administration is trying to sell this formula by dangling a one hundred and fifty million dollar bribe in front of the 270 losing towns and cities. The sum would save these towns and cities harmless from being decimated by the formula and give them a ten percent increase. Tewksbury, Billerica, Chelmsford and Wilmington are in this ten percent category.

However, Gaffney said that these towns should not be satisfied with a ten percent increase when the one hundred and fifty million dollars represents a state-wide funding increase of better than thirty percent. If the same one hundred and fifty million dollars were added to present formulas, Tewksbury's aid would increase by \$1,007,881 an increase of more than a third. Billerica would pick up \$1,587,143, an increase just under a third. Chelmsford's gain would be \$1,337,372, more than a third, and Wilmington would have pick-

ed up \$623,995.00 also gaining more than one third. For area towns, even with the extra funding, the formula change results in a twenty percent drop in what they would gain under the present funding methods. However, Mr. Gaffney said he is even more concerned about what might happen in future years when the one hundred and fifty million dollars might not be available.

Gaffney said his concern is based on the fact that this money is a carefully hoarded election year surplus that is, in large part, based on one time Federal payments. Without this extra money to level off the formula distributions, the towns will be decimated.

Gaffney and other area legislators will oppose the new formula and are now working on developing an alternative which is not a fiscal "scorched earth" policy for suburban school systems. Gaffney also indicated that he will, for the same reasons, support full assumption of county court costs by the state.

Minuteman Home Care menu

Monday: Apple Juice, Chicken Chop Suey, Chinese Noodles, Rice, Apricots in Syrup, French Bread, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Tuesday: Vegetable Soup, Baked Fish with Lemon Butter, Potato Au Gratin, Carrot coins, Rye Bread, Lime Jello with Pears, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Wednesday: Baked Sausage, Applesauce.

Allan M. Blake honor graduate

Private Allan M. Blake of 93 Heath Street, Tewksbury was named an honor graduate, recently on completion of an electrician's course at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

The course was for the installation, repair and maintenance of electrical systems. Private Blake is a 1977 graduate of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Blake of Heath Street.

Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookies, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Thursday: Pineapple Juice, Baked Chicken, Spinach, Sweet Potatoes, Hard Roll, Chocolate Pudding, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Friday: Ziti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Italian Dressing, Italian Bread, Fresh Apple, Milk, Coffee or Tea.

Sam Jacobus specialist five

Samuel Jacobus of 29 Linda Road, Wilmington has been promoted to the rank of Army Specialist Five, at Fort Benning, Georgia. Jacobus is a generator mechanic, with the 598th Maintenance Company at Fort Benning.

A 1969 graduate of Wilmington High School, his wife Mae and his parents live at 29 Linda Road. He entered the Army in March 1978.

BIRTH

HOLLOWAY: William Basil, third child, first son to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Holloway Jr. of Rosewood Avenue, Billerica on March 26 at Winchester Hospital.

Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. William Irwin of Glendale Circle, Wilmington and Mr. and Mrs. John Holloway of Oakdale Road.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Basil Weatherbee of West Street, Wilmington and Mrs. Tina Holloway of Melrose.

Couples Club social April 8

St. William's Couples' Club has extended an invitation to area couples to take part in the monthly social to be held Saturday, April 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The theme will be April Showers bring Flowers.

Serving on this month's committee are Jim and Katie Edwards, Ed and Iva Mannie, Dan and Claire Rochford, Joe and Marilyn Bossia, Jerry and Carol Carrigg, and Dick and Mary Norsyth.

Refreshments will be served.

Plans are being finalized for the annual silver through golden wedding anniversary celebration for couples of the parish. It will take place on Saturday, May 6.

A family camping weekend for members of the Couples' Club and their families is being planned for early this summer. Details will be announced.



Duke and the driver



Governor Michael Dukakis was the featured speaker at a testimonial for Representative Jim Miceli on Friday night at the Sons of Italy Hall on Ballardvale Street, North Wilmington. Riding in style, the governor arrived in an old blue station wagon with a state insignia on the side. His driver was an aide, not a state trooper. Wilmington police were on the lookout for the governor's arrival, but missed him.

Dukakis called Miceli a tremendous asset to state government, noting that he was not saying the words lightly.

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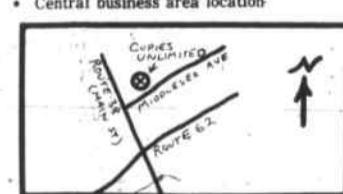
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Mural takes shape on Elks' wall

by Tony Galinis,
Tewksbury Editor

Move over Michael Angelo! Tewksbury has its own artist, only she is a female charmer with a paint brush. She is converting a large, blank wall behind the bar at the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks hall where imaginary figures would dot the eye at times if one might imbibe more than usual.

This time, there will be an attractive, colorful mural to enchant the eye of the beholder. It is to be completed by the end of April for future Elks' visitors.

The wall behind the bar covers a space of 28 feet by six feet and it is being slowly covered with deft and visionary strokes by a young, charming mural artist from Waltham, by way of Springfield and Chicopee, with a few steps in parts of Pennsylvania along the way.

Frances Ahearn wanted to be an artist since her fourth grade days in Chicopee and Springfield. But like many who have a dream, it was only to see it disappearing at dawn. Fran stayed with her dream.

From her birthplace in Chicopee, the land of the kielbasa, to Springfield for her schooling, she itched at artistry and converting ideas on canvas or paper. From her graduation from Springfield High School, she heard of a small college adept in teaching art.

She went to Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania, probably noted for coal and Amish styles to most. She graduated in 1974, having completed successful courses in art. With her sheepskin she became a member of the graduating class.



One's stomach begins to growl when it isn't fed, no matter what one may hope to attain as a goal in life. So Fran took odd jobs to feed her growling stomach and eventually she wound up in Boston taking advertising jobs along the way.

In Boston, she had applications in various jobs, but somehow being a member of the female sex slowed her progress in the art and advertising world.

She took up residence in Waltham and undaunted, strode into a firm near the Burlington Mall.

Her forte was line art, but for her explanation, I wouldn't know. You know those instructions you get in the "How To" put together, assemble, toys and the like? Her job was to draw the instructions on the paper that came attached to the toy or bicycle. The kind that a 12-year-old could put together without any trouble? The kind that drives a 30-year-old parent to a room with bars?

She is what one would classify as a technical illustrator. She also dabbles in various forms of art. She likes do-

ing murals, has done quite a few in other localities. The challenge, in Tewksbury's Elks hall was to her liking.

A co-worker named George happens to be a member of the Elks in Tewksbury. He introduced the subject one day, about the lodge aiming to cover up that blank space over the bar. He told her some of the members were thinking of a mural. She dropped in for a visit, talked to Walt Sharkey, and showed three or four ideas for the mural. She brought samples of her ideas on paper for a visual effect.

Her ideas were excellent, so much so that the Elks assigned her the task of covering the wall 28 feet by six feet. She has been working for almost two weeks and the theme is the majestic elk in the high mountain ranges of the western states. Initially, she had thought of several deer, for her mural, but what Elks would stand or lean for that?

So now this slight, 25-year-old who looks so frail when you first see her, but turns on a bright studious charm when you talk of murals, is undertaking a giant step to prove her capabilities as an artist.

Then when we began to talk about Chicopee and its ethnic picnics, that relaxed her. You might have read of the 100-foot long kielbasa that was stolen in Chicopee last year during a celebration by the community? It was a mild bypass from talking to a young woman who never gave up on her goals.

The Tewksbury-Wilmington Lodge of Elks will be the recipient of her perseverance.

Easter Egg hunt April 22

The Easter Bunny wants to remind little ones in Wilmington that he will be coming to town on Saturday, April 22 for his annual egg hunt.

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Bits & Pieces

Birthdays

On March 26, Rae Sutherland of Cobleigh Drive, Tewksbury turned another page.

Janice Hird of Oakdale Road, Wilmington blew out the candles for the 11th time on April 5.

April 10 will mark the special day of at least four area residents; two from Wilmington and two from Tewksbury - Steven Connolly of Alrich Road, Wilmington and Anthony Tedesco of Clark Street; Karen Cavanaugh of Bay State Road, Tewksbury and Peter Iacopucci of Cayley Road.

Kim Lynch of Cottage Street, Wilmington will be old enough to vote on April 11.

Gwynnville Ann Cavanaugh on Main Street, Wilmington will be four years old on April 12 and will share her special day with Vickie Ellsworth of Ellsworth Road who will be 11 years old; Jimmy Melanson of Newton Avenue, Tewksbury who will be old enough to vote and Paul Smith of Laurel Avenue, Wilmington.

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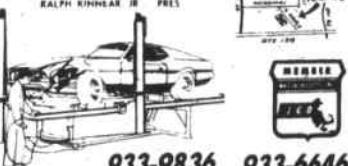
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"Massachusetts needs a local aid program that will guarantee stable property taxes. The governor's program does not provide that guarantee."

Hatch also told the Wilmington Committee that he had never favored a graduated income tax, which has been devised by the legislature.

He called the graduated income tax a "Non issue." "It's dead" he said. "We should be aiming at more important and more urgent problems."

Frank Hatch favors a "piggy-back" system of income taxes, on that would let the residents of the Commonwealth compute their state tax by simply paying a percentage of their Federal income tax.

It would, he said "greatly simplify the bureaucracy needed to administer the tax department, and would simplify it for many, including the elderly."

Frank Hatch never favored letting the legislature perform "open heart surgery on the state income tax." He campaigned vigorously against the 1976 referendum question, and it went down subsequently to defeat.

Hatch, too, was against the proposed gun confiscation.

There was, recently, he said, a chart mailed out to the Republican Committee members, which purported to show that Hatch favored gun confiscation. That, he said, was false.

He was against the "Saturday Night Specials." It was, he said, "the only gun bill he would vote for."

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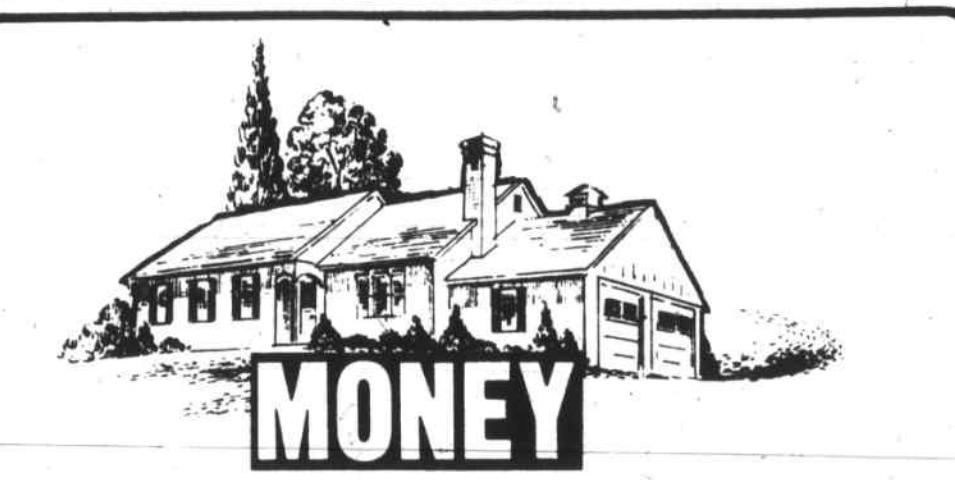
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A touch of class leaves with Fred

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Sports Editor's note: Town Crier correspondent Larry McGrath has known and worked with coach Bellissimo for six years. McGrath describes his feelings on the WHS coach's resignation:

by Larry McGrath

The last of the old school coaches at Wilmington High School has resigned.

After 22 years of prowling the sidelines Fred Bellissimo last Wednesday night called it quits. Citing only personal reasons, Bellissimo closed out an era that might never be matched at Wilmington.

It will seem rather strange seeing Fred raking leaves on a fall afternoon instead of moving up and down the practice field or putting his charges through wind sprints to close out yet another practice.

What most people saw on Saturday afternoon was a small part and probably the most misunderstood part of the whole high school football operation. From the last week in August to the Saturday after Thanksgiving, football is a seven-day a week job.

The job that sometimes looks easy on Saturday takes many hours of dedication during the week. A loss come Saturday and it seems as though a whole week's work has been wasted.

Say what you will - the man's records and teams speak for themselves. Coach Bellissimo isn't a politician - just a coach who only con-

cerned himself with the job of Wilmington football. He took a Class "D" team and moved it up to a "B" Division club. Although the numbers say Division III Wilmington competes with schools with far more students and much bigger football programs.

Through the power teams of the early and late 60's, Bowen, Esposito, etc and into the 70's, the only thing that changed with Bellissimo was his graying hair. Hard work, preparation, desire and organization held true then and hold true even now. If you worked with him all week, come Saturday you'd probably have a better insight into the what-if's, how come's, what went right and what went wrong.

His class came through again with the recent developments at the high school. He had applied for the athletic director's job and quite naturally, was disappointed when he wasn't selected.

There could be many factors involved, such as the feeling that today's athlete isn't the same as when he first came on the Wilmington scene; the declining population at the high school while other area teams continue to grow; and maybe a host of others.

Bellissimo has many coaching years left in him and it wouldn't surprise me if another school shows an interest before next season.

A touch of coaching class has left with the departure of Bellissimo from the WHS ranks.



Former Wilmington High football coach Fred Bellissimo stands between 1970 co-captains Mike Esposito (32) and Dick Gillis (35). The 1970 club was one of Bellissimo's best as they finished with a 9-0 record and the MVC championship.

Bellissimo highlights

• Thanksgiving 1976...Wildcats defeat Tewksbury 32-0 for MVC co-title and a berth in Division II Superbowl. Finish year 9-1-0.

• Nov. 1, 1975...Wildcats rip Dracut 28-0 on Middies' home field. Scored 20 points in fourth quarter.

• Oct. 10, 1974...Bellissimo's 100th career win - a 7-0 shutout of Central Catholic.

• Thanksgiving 1973...Wildcats shutout Tewksbury 34-0 to complete a 7-2-0 season. They finish second.

• Thanksgiving 1972...A 13-8 win over Tewksbury gives Bellissimo a perfect 9-0-0 season and his sixth championship team. Wilmington had won 13 straight over two seasons (71-72).

• Oct. 30, 1970...WHS 35 Chelmsford 10. The win puts the Wildcats on top of the MVC. Led by senior halfback Mike Esposito's record breaking year the team goes on to a perfect 9-0-0 season.

• Thanksgiving 1968...Wildcats ram Tewksbury 34-14. They are co-champs with Dracut at 8-1-0.

• Thanksgiving 1967...Wildcats blank Redmen 28-0. WHS Lowell Suburban Leag champs at 8-0-0.

• Oct. 20, 1962...Wildcats blank Chelmsford 18-0 to stretch unbeaten streak to 15 games. WHS finishes year as Suburban champs at 9-0-0. WHS also finishes in a four-way tie for Class C title. The team wound up with a 19-game unbeaten streak.

• 1961...The team wins another Suburban League title (7-0-1) and takes a trip to Washington at season's end.

The following is a record of some of the great Fred Bellissimo coached teams.

1976 9-1-0 (MVC Co-champs)

WHS 27 Stoneham 6

WHS 27 Lawrence 0 Chelmsford 0

WHS 35 Austin 0 Andover 8

WHS 42 WHS 17 Central 14

WHS 8 Methuen 0

WHS 34 WHS 20 Billerica 6

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Bellissimo calls it quits after 22 years

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mont before moving to Wilmington.

The veteran Wildcat leader compiled a 121-62-15 record in his 22 years as the school's football coach. His 1960, 61, 70 and 72 teams were undefeated with the Wildcats rolling up a 23 game unbeaten streak in the years through 1960-63. The Cats won Class C titles in 1967 and 70 and were the small school champs in 1962. They were also the Division III champs in 1970. Bellissimo's teams won seven titles - the last being the Merrimack Valley Conference co-championship in 1976. Other championship years for Wilmington High School football were 1972, 1970, 1968, 1967, 1962 and 1961. Last year was Bellissimo's first losing season (4-5-1) in 12 autumns.

The 48-year-old Bellissimo began his coaching career at Wilmington High School in 1956 after graduating from Belmont High School and the University of Notre Dame. He played football, basketball, and baseball at Belmont before moving to the Fighting Irish with whom he played football and baseball while helping to coach the school's baseball team. He graduated with a degree in physical education from Notre Dame in 1954 before taking a job as a physical education instructor at the Waltham Boys Club. He originally lived in Bel-



Soph instructions

Former WHS head football coach Fred Bellissimo gives sophomore quarterback John Robarge some instructions in a 1977 MVC game.

Robarge is one of the young Wildcats who could carry on the winning football tradition at the school.

Sports Comment

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People have criticized the football team as being too important in Wilmington. The reason that the sport gained such support was that the sporting society says win - and when you do win the sport picks up interest. When you don't win they label you a loser and a replacement with fresh winning ideas is knocking on the gridiron door for that all-important interview that could land him your job. Bellissimo took a handful of moderately talented players who were outweighed by many teams in the late 1950's and began molding a winning spirit that typified the Wildcat teams throughout the 60's and 70's.

In 1956, Bellissimo's first year at the helm, the team didn't win a game in seven tries. Five years later they went undefeated and were Lowell Suburban Champs. The little school in Wilmington had come of age. They wouldn't stop coming for most of the 1960's - the exception being a brief slump in the years 1964 and 1965. In 1962 they were 9-0 and champs again.

He refused comment when a Town Crier correspondent called him last week, saying only that he felt that after 22 years he had had enough. He talked it over with his family and the decision was made. You can speculate as to his reasons why - but I won't until he chooses to talk about the reasons why he called it quits - if he ever does. I have my hunches, but I don't dare risk the wrath of a man whom I always respected as a football coach of the highest quality.

I played for him once - that being in the 1972 All-Star game when it was still a battle between the Lowell stars and an MVC contingent. My first impression at the initial practice session for the game was - this guy was organized and he was from the "do it this way because I'm the boss," school. Coach Bellissimo didn't appear to be open to suggestions. He listened however, and he didn't miss much when it came down to winning or losing a football game. If memory serves me we practiced for two weeks before playing Lowell and pounding out a 32-0 win. For an All-Star group we were well prepared. The late Ray Riddick didn't particularly care for the score that helped alter the game's format to affect more balance. It was a lopsided score with the winners having the horses. What could Bellissimo do but play everyone - and everyone played well to account for the final score. Bellissimo just won games - period - that's the bottom line. He'd grind you or finesse you to death if that's what it took to win. He helped

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season that broke Swampscott's half-back Dick Jauron's career scoring record (450 points), and a rock-ribbed defense. It wasn't unusual to see Espo wind his way through opposing defenses for 20 or 30 points per game. Bellissimo had that offensive weapon that every coach dreams about. He also had the tough Wilmington kids who seemed to feel right at home with his disciplinary coaching style that was par for the gridiron course during the 1960's when a portly fellow in Green Bay was winning NFL championships with his own well planned style of sweet execution and conditioning through mild forms of torture.

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His last three autumns at the helm were a tribute to his coaching style and the kids who adapted to it.

Without one of the best gridiron teachers in the state (assistant Bob Aylward who had taken the Tewksbury job) Bellissimo regrouped his coaching staff and finished 4-3-3 in 1974 with a team that had some promising sophomores on the rise. Bellissimo's ability to cope with raw, but talented sophomores who were still learning was put to test over three years and it paid off handsomely with people like Jim Stewart, Serrazza, Dave Rounds and Gordie Fitch triggering another Wildcat title run in 1976.

The 5-2-2 mark of 1975 was not good enough to match Andover who appeared ready to be the new domi-

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Wilmington Conservation Commission is accepting applications for the Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp in Spencer, Mass. The purpose of the two-week camp, which runs from June 25, 1978 to July 8, 1978, is to train the youths selected to appreciate our natural resources, and how best to protect the environment that supports them. Three

nant force in the Merrimack Valley. Wilmington resurfaced the next year (1976) when they survived several nagging injuries and a lack of experienced players on the bench to mold a 9-1-0 record that meant a co-championship with Tewksbury. Yet another Wilmington team went into a big game mentally and emotionally prepared as Wilmington ripped the Redmen 32-0 Thanksgiving morning at WHS to grab a piece of the MVC title and a berth in the Division II Schoolboy Super Bowl at Boston University.

While the Redmen, under the emotional Aylward, were nervous and perhaps over-prepared, Bellissimo's Wildcats truly reflected their coach's personality on that morning—playing under control, savage along the line, and with supreme confidence that this smaller Tewksbury team didn't belong on the same field with them. They didn't—and Bellissimo had done it again, winning the big game and holding off the challenge of a young coach (Aylward) who admits that he benefited from his years under Bellissimo. "We had a job to do and we did it," said Bellissimo afterward. Business as usual in Wilmington.

The team dropped a 20-12 decision to Lynn Classical in the Super Bowl game—the last battle for the outstanding crop of seniors who had blossomed in three years under Bellissimo. Last year the young Wildcats were 4-5-1 and local critics proclaimed the offense to be too conservative with the team being shutout three times and scoring just one touchdown on three other occasions. The first sub-500 season since 1965 was a disappointment to the locals who have come to

expect so much of WHS football, but the truth of the matter was that last fall was the first stage of a rebuilding process similar to 1974.

It's true that Wilmington doesn't have the large numbers of talented male athletes (or female athletes for that matter) to draw from as does Chelmsford or Billerica. The Lions have a male enrollment of 1062 while Billerica has 897 boys enrolled. Wilmington's 436 ranks above only Dracut (426) and Lawrence (393) in male totals. There are intangible factors that make up the difference between a winner and a loser, however. Bellissimo was one of those intangibles. The Wilmington athletes are the other. I do not believe that Bellissimo resigned because he felt that he didn't have a chance to build a winning football team again because of the numbers game. That situation would never be enough to discourage Fred—whose confidence in his ability to coach a winner was so great that he probably thought that he could have fought a draw against the rising enrollment tide around the conference.

Often times a draw is not good enough—especially when you have a winning tradition that at times may seem more of a haunt than an added bonus. Whomever fills the coaching vacancy at Wilmington High can be sure that he will be walking in the shadow of the winning tradition established by Bellissimo.

Like him or not. Damn him or praise him as a high school Lombardi. Whether you liked his style or not—the man is a hell of a high school football coach.

Youth Hockey Highlights

Bantam A's nip Newton

BII's top Nashua 3-1

Wilmington's Bantam A's built a 4-0 lead after two periods Sunday night at the Burlington Ice Palace and held off a Newton surge in the third period for a 4-3 win.

Mike Crimmins pocketed Wilmington's first goal at 5:05 of the first period assisted by Donny Josephson before Rick Zambernardi upped the lead to 2-0 three minutes later with help from Brian Butler.

Darryl MacDonald opened the second period scoring with the assist going to Keith Ford. Donny Foley scored the game winner assisted by Crimmins before Newton got its offense untracked in the third period.

Wilmington outshot Newton 21-19 while improving the local record to 23-22-6.

In last week's first game (March 30) Bedford thumped the A's 7-2 with Bob Lowney and Walter Surrette scoring for Wilmington. Lowney gave his team a 1-0 lead midway through the first period with help from Joby Duggan. Bedford pumped home the next three goals before Surrette snapped the string with an unassisted lampighter at 8:06 of the third period.

Bedford pulled away with four powerplay goals over the last six minutes as they took advantage of eight shorthanded situations. The A's had powerplay opportunities in the final period, but couldn't make a dent in Newton's five goal gap.

Wilmington again held the shooting edge 27-17.

The team's next game is tomorrow night (April 6) at 9:35 p.m. with Reading at the WYIA.

Squirt A's tie pair

The Squirt A's managed a pair of ties last weekend to keep their unbeaten streak alive at 12 games. Saturday the team knotted Danvers 2-2 and the Sunday weekend windup saw them tieing Newton 1-1.

In the weekend's first game Danvers took a 2-0 lead midway through the second period before Wilmington got on the scoreboard with a Dave Fuller goal with 2:55 to play in the middle period. Ken Richter tied the game with a goal 40 seconds into the third period assisted by Don Costantino. The two teams waged a defensive battle for the remainder of the period as Wilmington settled for the 2-2 tie.

Sunday the Squirt's stunned Newton (18-1-0) by taking a 1-0 lead in the first period when Dave Lux banged home a goal from Mike Newhouse at 1:47. The lead held until 3:02 of the second period when Newton tied the game on a powerplay score. Squirt netminder Bill Wolfe slammed the door from this point on as he turned back the impressive Newton club with several outstanding saves.

Wilmington battles Arlington tonight at the Burlington Ice Palace before journeying to Montreal this weekend where they will play three exhibition games against a rival Squirt A club.



Javelin brigade

WRBL playoffs

Fawns, Lions Junior champs

The unbeaten Fawns and once beaten Lions emerged as the Junior Division champions last Sunday as the Fawns doused the Minks 36-27 and the Lions came from behind to upset the Bulls 48-45.

Thursday (Semifinals)...The Bulls outslugged the Tigers 36-34 as Bob Perry (14), Jon Nolan (13) and Noel Jones (nine) led the attack. Jim Marsh fired in 10 points and Andy Kitter added nine for the upstart Tigers.

Ed Olshaw tossed in 22 and Jim Castellano chipped in with 12 as the Lions disposed of the Beavers 51-34. Steve Valletta and Bob Magliozzi combined for 27 points to pace Coach Wetzler's club.

In girls semifinal action, the Minks, led by Cindy Duffy's nine points, outlasted the Bees 19-14. Kerrin Taylor had six for the Bees.

The Fawns remained perfect—upending the Pandas 35-29. Karen Rowe and Jean Robinson teamed up for 18 points for the Fawns. Michele DiGirolomo (10) and Michele Hayden (eight) led the Pandas.

Sunday (Finals)...The Fawns jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back as they rolled to their 10th

straight with a 36-27 conquest of the Minks. Jean Robinson led the charge with 15 points, topping off a fine season for Coach Lappa's club. Paula Burns and Cindy Duffy each tossed in nine for the Minks.

The boys final tilt turned into a real barn-burner as the stubborn Lions came from behind to snap the Bulls' win streak 48-45.

Coach Cunningham's club never stopped—battling back from an 11 point deficit to catch the previously unbeaten Bulls. Jim Castellano and Ed Olshaw had a fine game, combining for 38 points. Jon Nolan and Bob Perry also turned in excellent games as they teamed up for 30 points.

Due to problems with a jammed partition at the high school gym, the league was forced to cancel the rest of the men's schedule and playoffs. Following are the final standings for Mens' League.....

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Free throw champs

Two representatives from Father Croke Council Knights of Columbus were winners in the Regional free throw shootouts held recently in Canton.

George Hanna topped the 11-year-old boys division with a strong 19 for 25 performance. Thirteen year old

Laurie Hayden led all girls with a 16 for 25 showing.

Each received a trophy for their efforts and they will be competing in the State Championships to be held at Boston College's Roberts Center on Sunday, April 9.

Soccer films

The Recreation Department will show soccer films Wednesday night, April 15 from 7:30 to 9 in the North Intermediate School cafeteria.

Anyone interested in soccer is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

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SPORTS

Adult Hockey playoffs

Buckos trip Cain 7-5 for title

Bucko's 7-Fred F. Cain 5

The Bucko's and Cainmen matched up in a final special playoff to determine the league title and both teams kept the theme of all close playoff games intact with an exciting contest that saw the score tied at five different times.

Merrill MacInnis had his biggest point output of the playoffs as he pocketed the first three Bucko scores for the hat trick and kept his team in the game. His scores were sandwiched around the individual efforts of Mike Esposito, Dave Irwin and Andy Costello of the Cain Club.

No team could get more than a goal lead for more than three minutes. With the score tied 3-3, Snooky Lynch put Cain's on top for a short period and then Russ Myers came back to tie it 4-4. Ken DeMaggio opened up a 5-4 Bucko lead only to have Lynch, who ended up the individual scoring king in the playoffs with 11 goals and three assists, tie it up for the Cainmen.

Russ Myers gave the Bucko's the lead midway through the third period, which they were able to hold onto thanks to the superb goaltending of Roy Anderson who thwarted several good Cain chances including three consecutive bids while the Bucko's were skating with a two-man disadvantage.

Mike Gracia finally tied the game with an open net tally with 17 seconds remaining.

Bucko's 5-Bulldogs 1

Bucko's after a shaky start in the playoffs, battled back to gain at least a tie in the round robin tournament by stopping the Bulldogs for their third

consecutive win.

Doug Fish continued his hot scoring spree as his first goal of the night tied the score after the Bulldogs had jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead. He added his second score in the second period to give his team a two goal lead.

The brothers DeMaggio—Ken and Dennis—had other Bucko scores, with Russ Myers pocketing the fifth and final goal. Bill McLaughlin had the lone Bulldog score as he led his hard luck team in its final game of the tournament.

The young Bulldogs made a very respectable showing as four of their five losses were by one goal—two of them coming in the final two minutes of play. Roy Anderson continued to sparkle in the nets for the Bucko's.

Fred F. Cain 9-Leo's 3

The Cainmen—Cinderella team of the playoffs—continued in the pursuit of the playoff championship as they completely dominated Leo's to force a special playoff with the league champion Bucko's. Snooky Lynch, with a super individual effort—5 goals, 1 assist—took over the individual scoring race (he finished with nine goals and two assists) and backboned his team to a one-sided win over the Caneenmen. Dino Esposito chipped in with a pair of scores while Andy Costello and Dave Irwin had solo goals.

John Carlino with two goals and John Davis with a solo goal were the only scorers for Leo's. Cain's used a balanced attack as they had three goals in each period to single scores for the Caneenmen.

Table tennis

The Wilmington Recreation Department has information available on a table tennis tournament.

The tournament will be sponsored by the Reading Y's Men's Club and is open to anyone in a town bordering Reading who is 10 years of age or over.

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Tda Sharow and Sylvia Skolnick, both of Boston, County of Suffolk, and said Commonwealth; and to all whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said Court by Macland, Inc., a duly existing corporation, having an usual place of business in Burlington, County of Middlesex, and said Commonwealth, to register and confirm its title in the following described land:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situate in said Tewksbury, bounded and described as follows:

Southwesterly by Arkansas Road 75 feet; Northwesterly by land now or formerly of Louis M. Farino and Dorothy M. Farino 90 feet; Northeasterly by land now or formerly of William G. Noonan and Anna S. Noonan 75 feet; Southeasterly by land now or formerly of said William G. Noonan and Anna S. Noonan and by land now or formerly of Richard C. Lefebvre and Cynthia Lefebvre 90 feet.

The above described land is shown on a plan filed with said petition and all boundary lines are claimed to be located on the ground as shown on said plan.

If you desire to make any objection or defense to said petition you or your attorney must file a written appearance and an answer under oath, setting forth clearly and specifically your objections or defense to each part of said petition, in the office of the Recorder of said Court in Boston (at the Court House), or in the office of the Assistant Recorder of said Court at the Registry of Deeds at Lowell in the County of Middlesex where a copy of the plan filed with said petition is deposited, on or before the fifteenth day of May next.

Unless an appearance is so filed by or for you, your default will be recorded, the said petition will be taken as confessed and you will be forever barred from contesting said petition or any decree entered thereon.

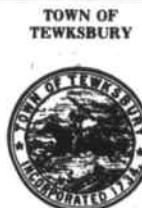
Witness, WILLIAM I. RANDALL, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of March in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Attest with Seal of Said Court.

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

Reg. 38188

PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE

A public hearing will be held in the Tewksbury Town Hall on April 20, 1978, at 8:30 p.m. to see if the Town will vote to amend the Tewksbury Zoning By-Laws by deleting Section 4.7 Regulations for Multiple-Family Dwellings, and to substitute the following:

Section 4.7 Regulations for Multiple-Family Dwellings: 4.7.1. Multiple Family Dwellings will be permitted only in a Multiple Family District (MFD); 4.7.2. State of Purpose - This section is intended to regulate the placement of any Multiple-Family Dwellings (MFD) and in no way is intended to supersede, modify or conflict with the powers and duties delegated to the Planning Board pursuant to the Subdivision Control Law (Chapter 41); 4.7.3. Multiple Family Dwellings in an MFD District - All proposed multiple family dwellings in an MFD District shall require the record owner to obtain a special permit from the Planning Board.

Prior to or in conjunction with the filing of an application for a special permit with the Planning Board, the applicant shall file a copy of said application with the Board of Health and the Dept. of Public Works, together with site plans, elevation plans and sewerage plans.

All plans shall be prepared by a registered architect or engineer to a scale of not less than forty feet to the inch and shall clearly show property names, names of abutters as shown on most recent real estate tax list, sizes and location of proposed structures, existing and proposed contours at 2 foot intervals, number and location of parking spaces, walk, location and availability of water, sewerage and drainage systems, driveways and vehicular circulation, recreation areas, open space and conservation areas.

All land use shall be designated on the site plan. All landscaping and site development details, including walls, fences, out-door lighting and ground surface materials shall be indicated. Bounding streets and points of vehicular and pedestrian access shall be shown.

Any existing adjacent structures with 50 feet of the site boundary shall be shown, as well as any unused or unique natural feature of public area in the immediate vicinity.

Phasing possibilities, if any, shall be shown on the site plan.

The Dept. of Public Works and the Board of Health shall within 45 days of the date of such filing, transmit to the Planning Board a report with their recommendations accompanied by such material, maps or plans as will aid the Planning Board in judging the application.

The Planning Board shall not render any decision on an application for a special permit until said reports have been received and considered or until 45 days have lapsed from receipt of

Relief is coming for the long-suffering people along Route 129 said Rep. James Miceli to the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, at its Tuesday noon luncheon.

"I won't repeat the old saw about our being mapped to death" was his opening remark. He then proceeded to lay out, in progression, the changes that are coming in the planning of Route 129 and of other projects.

Miceli told his listeners that he has been in to the Department of Public Works offices at least once a week ever since he became a Representative. The Environmental impact survey, which has been the reason for much of the delay, is now being printed, Miceli said, and will be available in a week or two.

The hearing on the Route 129 bypass will be within a year, he promised.

There are several items he mentioned as having priority - a traffic light at West Street and Route 129, together with some unspecified relief for traffic problems, and a new plan for Route 62 at Burlington Avenue were two things that Miceli promised would be completed in three to three and a half years. The new West Street plans, he said, were "now on the drawing boards."

Referring to the new Lake Street bridge, Miceli said he was surprised to learn, when he became a Representative, that all planning for the bridge had been dropped. It was because the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce had been active on the subject that planning for a new bridge was started.

He learned that the plans for the B&M railroad bridges, from Wilmington to Billerica, had taken priority. The idea was to reduce the number of bridges, but Miceli said, the Lake Street bridge is again on the drawing boards, and he expects to see it built before fall.

The Butters Row bridge, in Wilmington, was also spoken of, by Miceli. He had been working with the DPW on the problems of that bridge. He learned a couple of weeks ago that the street was closed, because of the

problems. The state DPW had its points, on the construction of the Wilmington sewer, and when the contractor got to the point of the bridge the Boston & Maine engineers got into the act. The bridge is now closed, for a time.

There will be a new Butters Row bridge, Miceli promised. Both the Lake Street bridge and the Butters Row bridge will soon be a reality.

"Dead Duck"

Miceli also discussed Woburn and Tewksbury highway problems, relative to the State Department of Public Works.

Any exit, in the near future, onto Route 93 from the Dascomb Road - Route 125 area, is now a dead duck, Miceli declared. He said that he and the Tewksbury representative (Jay Gaffney) had been in to discuss the problems with the DPW, and had been told that it would be some years before any exit could be made from the area of Wilmington - Tewksbury - Andover.

Woburn, Miceli declared, has a pressing problem because of the new Woburn Industrial Park. Both he and Rep. Bill Shaughnessy of Woburn had been discussing the problems with the state DPW. He hopes that he and Mr. Shaughnessy will be able to sit down together, to discuss the problem.

The Woburn Industrial Park problem, Miceli said, "Exceeds our own." If he and Shaughnessy can work together, he hopes an answer can be found. There are some big problems regarding traffic at the Woburn - Wilmington line that have to be solved. He hopes that a solution can be found, together with a solution for an enlarged traffic circle at Route 129 and 93.

The Woburn thinking, Miceli said, is that they will be able to find a way out of Woburn Industrial Park through Wilmington.

Taxes

Miceli discussed, briefly, court reform, the county hospital, and tax relief.

The three problems, he declared,

had to be "looked at collectively, along with school financing."

He had voted for the court reform bill Monday night.

Miceli told his listeners that the sum of \$111,000,000 had been found - discovered - for the court reform bill, and he had voted for it before somebody diverted the money to other uses.

The net result, he declared, was to remove sums from the Middlesex County costs - some of which would reflect on the county assessments for the Middlesex towns. The assessment for Wilmington, Miceli declared, would have been \$286,000 - something under \$2 on the tax bill for Wilmington home owners.

"We were told that if we voted for the court bill it would hurt the school financing formula" Miceli told his listeners. "I could not see that."

The school financing formula, he declared, is "only for the larger cities - Boston - Lowell - Lynn." At the present time it consists, Miceli said, of a "big bunch of Ifs."

Why did I choose to serve on the Committee on Education? he asked his audience. Why should a man who has never served on school committees - but instead on a board of selectmen - interest himself in school budgets?

"It was simple. That's where the money goes, and Wilmington has not been served too well!"

"I served on the committee, to put it bluntly, for the bucks!" he said. "Wilmington is now receiving 5 per cent more than it used to under the old formula."

"I got myself involved in every area possible, in my district."

He related that it was only a month before he got himself involved in the question of county costs, and his first talk, on the floor, was on that subject.

"Wilmington pays a lot, for its share of county government, and relief is years away!"

The bill on court reform, Miceli said, for which he voted, is in a way a

reform for County government - if it goes through the Senate and if the Governor signs it. It is in particular a reform for Middlesex and Suffolk counties - maybe less for some of the western counties.

the Middesex County Hospital - so few beds - so much cost. Last year it had a deficit of one-half million dollars.

In the hearing "I was the only representative who went - and I recommended the closing of the hospital. Senator Tully, too, attended, and he recommended the closing of the hospital."

"This week the figures are being published on the current deficit, and it will be nearly \$1 million. That hospital should be closed immediately."

Wilmington Congregational Church

Thursday, April 6: 9:45 a.m., Bible study; 7 p.m., Boy Scouts; 8 p.m., Bible Speaks.

Friday, April 7: 3:30 p.m., Bible study at Winchester Nursing Home; 7:30 p.m., Men's Christian Fellowship meeting; 7:45 p.m., Bible Class at the Sowders' (7 Davis Rd.).

Saturday, April 8: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Car Wash sponsored by the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Sunday, April 9: 8:30 a.m., Church School Adult Class; 11 a.m., Worship; 1:30 p.m., Junior High P.F.; 5:30 p.m., Senior High P.F.

Monday, April 10: 7:30 p.m., Diet Workshop, Bible Speaks.

Tuesday, April 11: 9:30 a.m., Renewing Love; 4:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 339 and 391; 7 p.m., Missions Committee.

Wednesday, April 12: 9:30 a.m., Bible study at the parsonage with childcare at the church; 6 p.m., Cherub Choir; 6:15 p.m., Junior Choir; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop 334; 7 p.m., Senior Choir; 8:00 p.m., Christian Education Committee.

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PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE							(Numbers in parentheses refer to NOTES for Use Regulations Schedule)						
TYPE OF USE Regulation Notes for Entire District							DISTRICT						
RG	BL (1)	BG (1)	IL (4)	IHA (7)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
A. RESIDENTIAL					YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
1. Single-Family detached house					</								

obituaries

Services Friday for Wesley H. Steber, Sr.

Wesley H. Steber, Sr., of 53 Auburn Street, Reading, died unexpectedly at his residence on Tuesday morning. He was 58 years of age. Born in Boston, the son of Ernest and Marie (Slaman) Steber he had lived in North Reading during his youth and in Wilmington for many years before moving to Reading three years ago.

Mr. Steber, who had served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, was a member of the Nee-Ellsworth Post 2658, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He had been employed as a fork lift driver for the Boston Stove Company of Reading.

Mr. Steber was the husband of Mrs. Mary E. (Muir) Steber and is survived by his five children, Mrs. Judith A.

Bryant, Wesley H. Jr., William D., Gary A., and Darlene R. Steber of Reading; seven brothers, John, Edwin, Stanley, Robert, Frank, James and Frederick and two sisters, Mrs. Nancy Doucette and Mrs. Libby Edwards. Two grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held at the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street, Wilmington on Friday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. George B. Taylor of the Congregational Church of Wilmington officiating.

Burial will take place in Riverside Cemetery, North Reading.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 2 to 4 and from 7 to 9 p.m.

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Catherine Flucker, 47 years in Tewksbury

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Mrs. Flucker, a resident of Tewksbury for approximately 47 years was born in Pretoria, South Africa in 1905.

Besides her husband, Robert C. Flucker, who remains hospitalized, Mrs. Flucker is survived by two daughters,

Robert Underwood services Friday

Robert D. Underwood, Jr., 128 Nichols Street, Wilmington, died at his residence on Monday morning. Mr. Underwood was 34 years of age, and was born in New Rochelle, New York. He was the son of Robert D. and Harriet (Benedict) Underwood. Mr. Underwood, who lived in New York during his youth, also lived in Melrose prior to taking up residence in Wilmington six years ago.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam conflict.

Mr. Underwood was affiliated with the I.B.M. Corporation of Boston as an engineer. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Diane J. (Minke) Underwood, his two children, Christopher R. and David D. Underwood, both of Wilmington, his parents, and

his sister, Mrs. Diane Smith of Maine.

Memorial services will be held at the First Congregational Church - U.C.C., 18 Andover Road, Billerica on Friday evening, April 7 at eight o'clock with the Rev. Hughes officiating.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street, Wilmington.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Tewksbury Funeral Home.

Mrs. Isabel L. Chauncey of 4 Edwards Road, Wilmington died suddenly at Choate Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 29. Born in New Foundland, Canada, Mrs. Chauncey was 83 years of age at the time of her death. She was the daughter of the late Cornelius and the late Mary (Butler) Buckley.

She had lived in Somerville for many years and had lived in Wilmington for the past 25

years. Mrs. Chauncey was the wife of the late Stanley W. Chauncey, and is survived by her son, Stanley H. Chauncey of Wilmington.

Funeral services were held at the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street, Wilmington, on Saturday at 10:15 a.m. with the Rev. Francis W. Mackin officiating. Burial took place in the family lot, Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Friends, relatives and loved ones honored by contributions in their memory to the Regional Health Center in Wilmington this week include:

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Girls gymnastics

In response to an overwhelming demand for girls gymnastics, the Recreation Department will sponsor an eight-week program for girls ages four through grade 12.

The program begins on April 22 in the high school gym. Experience or special ability is not a requirement to participate.

The program includes:

1. A pre-school class with a minimum age of four beginning on April 22 from 10 to 10:50 a.m. Call the Recreation Office to register - this is a must, 658-6512.

2. A grades one through three class beginning April 22 from 11 to 11:50 a.m. Registration is a must for this one too.

3. Grades four through 12 classes will be tested on April 15 (which is registration). Grades four through six from 12:30 to 2:30 and grades seven through 12 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and will be grouped according to ability.

Girls should look in the Town Crier during the following week to determine their classes which will be held in two Saturday classes; two Tuesday evening classes and two Thursday evening classes. Maximum number in a class is 30.

Cost is \$10.00 for eight weeks. Girls must wear leotards and bare feet or pads.

Cain testimonial to benefit Building Fund

The Friends of Fred F. Cain are organizing a testimonial in honor of the late Representative Cain on May 17 at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus.

according to the organization's Chairperson, Mrs. Josephine O'Neil of High Street, Wilmington.

The testimonial is part of a

fund raising effort to benefit the Regional Health Center in Wilmington, an ambulatory care center now under construction at the intersection of Routes 93 and 62.

Ann Butters of Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, the event's ticket chairperson, said recently that an automobile will be raffled off at the testimonial as a means of raising additional funds. Offered is a Plymouth Horizon that she said will go on display in shopping centers throughout the area.

Representative Cain, a veteran of six terms in the Massachusetts Legislature, was the Charter Vice-President of the Wilmington Regional Hospital Association, the forerunner of the Regional Health Center Association. Mr. Cain was also active in more than a dozen area service clubs and civic organizations, including the Wilmington Rotary Club, the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks, and the Wilmington Knights of Columbus.

The Regional Health Center is a joint project of Wilmington area communities represented by the Regional Health Center Association and Choate Memorial Hospital in Woburn. When the 27,000 square foot facility opens later this year, it will feature 24-hour walk-in service, X-ray, Lab, Physical Therapy, Social Service, Community Health Education and other needed community health services. In addition, the Center is expected to attract a number of primary care physicians as well as a mix of other specialists and sub-specialists.

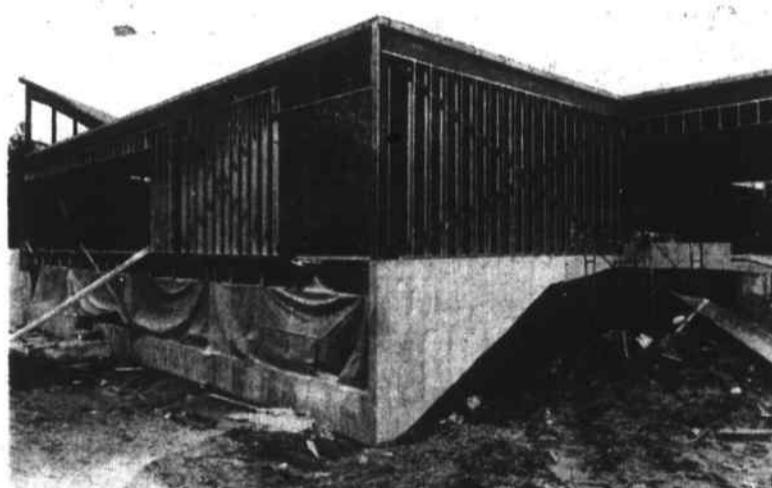


Swing your partner

Last Friday was the night for the annual father-daughter square dance at the Woburn Street School in Wilmington. More than 300 people turned out to do-si-do to the calls of Tom Rinker.



Skating revue



Work progress

Walls of the new Regional Health Center provide an interesting pattern as they await plywood sheathing, now being installed.

Whiskers....

Whiskers....

When 14-year-old Rico Catalano walked into the Town Crier office wanting to do some work, he didn't imagine that he'd come up with his own version of the bottle bill.

A good task for a fellow of his age, we figured, would be picking up all the beer bottles outside the building. Since there is no deposit on the bottles, there's no incentive for a kid to pick up bottles, unless he can find someone willing to pay him. Or so we thought.

Within five minutes of his beginning work, he was tapping on the window, wearing a big grin. He waved a dollar bill, saying "Look what I found!"

Sentinels training volunteers

The Sentinels telephone suicide prevention and crisis intervention hotline (944-8888) is currently training volunteers.

Staff workers are not counselors or therapists, but just ordinary persons trained to listen. Their listening could save a life.

Monica Dickens, founder and director of the Samaritans, a Boston based suicide prevention group, spoke recently at a Choate Hospital program on suicide prevention sponsored by the Sentinels.

"I spoke with a woman recently whose six-year-old child was killed when he ran from behind a bush in front of a school bus," she said. Too late, she continued, his mother realized that by telling his friends he was going away and by giving away his favorite toys, he was sending out distress signals.

Dickens agreed that suicidal people give signals in

their behavior long in advance, but she pointed out that these signals "may not be picked up or are disregarded because suicide is a terribly uncomfortable subject."

According to her, suicide prevention is not strictly for professionals. It is on this premise which volunteer organizations like the Samaritans and the Sentinels are based.

She explained telephone befriending (the process of telephone suicide intervention) as "simply two human beings together on an equal level."

Dickens and the Samaritans have been active in the organization of the Sentinels, a 24-hour suicide prevention and marital, family and personal crisis intervention telephone hotline in this area.

Persons interested in volunteering their time or just seeking further information should call Alice Sullivan at the Sentinels, 944-8888.

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